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THE publication of the HELPER undertaken nearly one year ago with much fear and trembling, and yet with an abiding conviction of its need, has been signally prosperous. The expectation of those who had even the greater measure of faith has been more than met. That there was a demand for something of the kind, though not widely expressed, has been proved by the readiness with which the magazine has been received, and the assurances that have come to us of the real help it is in giving information, in urging to duty, and in prompting to action. There was not adequate means for the women of the different sections to become acquainted; no way for interchange of thought, save by personal correspondence; and our dear workers abroad could not say to us all they would gladly say. The HELPER is a medium of communication. One of the Western sisters says, and her words are the expressed feeling of others, we feel sure, "The HELPER is bearing fruit in this: we are getting better acquainted every day. In truth, we have been too far apart. Now we understand that we are invited to join in this work of the Master, and the response is most cheering."

The subscriptions have been coming in all the year, till the list reaches two thousand three hundred and seventy seven. Most of these have been paid in advance. The expenses have been promptly met. Right here we wish to thank every one who

has in any way helped to bring about this result. Some have labored, but without apparent fruit, no doubt. To them be the blessing of having done "what she could." We would especially recognize the help and sympathy with which our brothers have cheered us. Their hearty words of encouragement have been incentives to push forward with them, not apart, in the grand work of speeding on the gospel day. We are grateful that we are welcomed so soon among the organs of the various Woman's Missionary Societies, most of them exchanging with us, and some of them giving us a warm welcome through their columns.

To make the Helper a continued success financially, and to increase its character and efficiency, it must have the cheerful sympathy and support of the women of the churches. There are ways in which every one can help. Is it too much to expect that the list of subscribers shall double another year? Everything worth having costs effort. Let us all bring our talents of whatever kind, and offer them upon this altar, so that the dear Lord shall find what is his with usury.

As was anticipated, at the anniversaries held at Lyndon Centre, Vt., Oct. 1-3, the subject of missions was the leading theme of interest. The presence of Dr. Phillips and his sister Hattie, just on the eve of their departure for India, caused the meetings of the missionary societies to be important occasions. The addresses were full of earnest, hearty words, and the reports of the officers were suggestive of an increase of interest and consecration. We wish we had space to give them all to our readers. The outlook has many features of encouragement. The debt has been materially lessened, the funds for the Bible School have been secured, the reinforcement has gone, and the workers are cheered. Never were more hearts longing for India to be brought to Christ. Much remains to be done. Let no hand slacken!

While so much attention was given to the foreign field, the representatives of the Shenandoah Valley mission went away with the assurance that a brighter day had dawned for it. Their

countenances were radiant with joy, like that which comes after a long night of anxious waiting. At every step in this beautiful valley are sheaves for the Master. Who will help garner them?

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These anniversary exercises, together with the encouraging impetus given to our work in Rhode Island, by the meeting held Sept. 18, the work accomplished by the women of New Brunswick in sending their first missionary, the movement inaugurated in Ohio, and the sailing of seven missionaries Oct. 5, make the months of September and October, 1878, memorable in the history of Free Baptist Missions. God grant that this flood-tide may have no ebb!

DR. J. L. PHILLIPS and family, with his sisters, Misses Julia E. and Hattie P. Phillips, Miss Frankie Millard, Miss Jessie Hooper, and Rev. T. W. Burkholder, sailed Oct. 5 from New York, for India, in the steamer "Circassia." They were accompanied by Miss Lathrop, of the Woman's Union Missionary Society. On the evening previous, pleasant congratulations were expressed, and words of hope and courage spoken by Drs. Cheney, Calder, Phillips, and others in the Twenty-fifth Street Free Baptist Church.

The many individuals and societies that have had their missionary zeal quickened by those returning, will follow them with a grateful, tender interest, and will pray especially for those who go among unfamiliar scenes. May He whom the winds and waves obey so command them that they make a prosperous journey.

THE Religious Intelligencer furnishes an interesting account of farewell exercises held at Fredericton, N. B., on the occasion of Miss Jessie Hooper leaving for India. Rev. J. McLeod presided, and addresses were made by Rev. B. A. Sherwood, Prof. G. E. Foster, and others. Miss Hooper is sent by the Woman's Missionary Society of New Brunswick, and is their first representative. She leaves a large number of women whose hearts are alive to the work of teaching their Indian sisters of Christ and his love. May they bear her constantly in their tenderest sympathies.

How SHE HELPED ME.

By Dr. J. L. PHILLIPS.

During my forty months in America I have kept in mind Paul's earnest entreaty to his "true yoke-fellow": "Help those women"; and some of the very brightest and best memories I am taking back with me to India are associated with the noble efforts of devoted Christian women for the welfare of their own sex in benighted pagan lands. It would be downright ungrateful in me not to cherish as a most precious memory the cheerful, hearty, and almost uniform endeavors of the women to help me in my missionary work in this country. More than once the success of the plea for my dear India has been due largely to the thoughtful, self-forgetful, and generous efforts of humble women, whose hearts moved them to speak and act in behalf of their poor despised sisters across the sea.

Without any special effort on my part, I easily recall the names and the faces of many earnest women, who have cheered me much in my tour among the churches. Of some I may truthfully speak, as did Paul of Phebe, "She hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also." More than one true Mary have I found, "who bestowed much labor upon us." And standing to-day on the verge of my departure for the foreign field, I may say in the very words of the great apostle, the names only requiring to be changed, "Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which labored much in the Lord." Could I speak to every man, and particularly to every Christian minister, within our borders, I should say, "Assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." Such women deserve encouragement; they also need counsel; and it will do you as much good as it will them to "help those women."

A single case in point may be cited. One day my work called me to a church that had the reputation of being rich. I was getting up the endowment for the Bible School, and I put the case as squarely and earnestly as I could, appealing to those who had property to aid us in so auspicious an enterprise. The pastor followed me with a hearty indorsement of the Bible School, and an earnest call for pledges. God bless all those dear pastors who have done this thing for my country! Soon the papers came in, and the sums subscribed in that "rich church" footed up less than fifty dollars! The richest man (in human estimation) had put down two dollars! With a look of dismay the pastor came to me, saying, "What shall I do?" He felt ashamed, and I honor every man who has Christian spirit enough in him to feel ashamed under such circumstances. We both said little more than just to express the hope that the church might make a better record, for Christ's sake, and the sake of perishing millions.

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During the suspense that followed, which was but a moment, though it seemed long, who should break the oppressive silence but a woman. I see her thin, pale, care-worn face this minute, while I am writing, and my heart thanks her afresh for her timely help. Rising from her seat in the rear of the full house, she very calmly said, "You know that I am a poor woman, but I must do something for this Bible School. If Dr. Phillips will take my note, and let me have two or three years in which to pay it, I will give twenty five dollars for the endowment." That electric message from a woman's lips snatched victory from defeat that day. The subscription rose rapidly. The rich brother bid me write a five after his two, thus matching in figures, though not in faith or fervor, the royal gift of the poor woman. Several hundred dollars secured for the Bible School was the result.

After dinner that day we were talking about that good woman's speech in meeting, when one said, "And do you know where she'll get the money?" All waited eagerly for the answer. It was this. "She will earn every dollar of it by knitting socks and mittens, and by drying apples for market." God bless those busy fingers! The tears blind my eyes while I write it, — God bless that woman, and many more like her, who have been "my helpers in Christ Jesus." May their reward be abundant from his hands who pronounced on woman that blessed benediction, "She hath done what she could."

ROXY'S EXPERIENCE IN AUXILIARIES.

By Mrs. M. S. WATERMAN.

CHAPTER II.

THE people of Evandale were quite different from those of Clovernook; they were not so rich, nor so wound up in easy robes of self-complacency, but they were wofully conservative. They were not mere mammon worshipers, not mere moneychangers, who carry their sullen souls in the corners of their pockets, and believe the site of Eden covered with the mint. No! They were generous. Their fathers were generous; but these new-fangled ideas - the card and envelope system; the Woman's Missionary Society, with its monthly meetings and quarterly meetings, and all of that - was the tide against which a few with more radical views had to contend. But they did it so well that in a little time an auxiliary was formed, "root and branch." The minister's wife was president, and all the other officers fell into line. This was our plan: At our monthly meetings, held in the afternoon, we were to sew, using an hour in a religious and literary exercise. Each quarter we were to have a public meeting, and of course the public would come, at which time the women would flock to the front, and join the society, and pay the quarter's dues. Then at our annual meeting, the great harvest festival, we would all come and bring our sheaves with us, - come with joy and thanksgiving.

"A cause on foot lives so on hope." Time sped on. Month succeeded month. A few faithful ones met, and performed the work planned; but even these, when work was laid aside, and we were expected to sing and pray and talk, were afraid of each other, shy of our own thoughts, and shyer still of our own voices. "I can't take a part" was the sad refrain which kept many away, and those of us who came, stayed far in the rear, praying for nothing so much as to be let alone. This same spirit troubled us while preparing for the public meetings, yet a very good programme was presented each time, but the people would not come to hear. I recollect two or three of those exer-

cises as being very excellent, and had the notice been given as an entertainment or even an anniversary, possibly we should have had a crowd in attendance. Shakespeare may question "What's in a name?" But I think there is a good deal in a name, when you are giving notice of a missionary meeting.

We met in church on the Sabbath, and had a sermon; we imported speakers; we had good lectures, — but of no avail on the mass of our Sabbath congregation, for they were not there.

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"How can such hearts be enlisted?" is the question I have often asked myself. Go to them, and by the time you say "missionary," they say "hard times." Now I have noted the fact in these hard times, that the work of retrenchment generally begins with the Lord's house; and if it ever reaches home comforts and luxuries at all, it is not till it has waded deeply through missions, subscriptions, and church expenses. Again, some of these persons give once a year to these causes, and then have it off their mind, as they say. Is this the way to do? Has such a course a foundation in the fitness of things? How is it in nature? The dew, the brook, the mist, the sunbeam are all sermons to us, if we had eyes to see, and ears to hear, and hearts to appreciate. They tell us how to live, how to act, and how to give. God's plan is plain in all the universe.

But the time came when I must bid adieu to Evandale. I was to return to Clovernook, to prepare for my marriage, which was to take place at an early day.

I had heard of the scenes of adversity through which Clovernook had been passing. Fire, flood, and bankruptcy had shown the instability of earthly possessions, but sweet had been the uses of adversity.

"The good are better made by ill;
As odors crushed are sweeter still."

The people had risen to their high privilege and calling. All is Christ's now, and we are his. We do not give to the Lord, we "render" to the Lord. The auxiliary society had become a strong body. It is beautiful to live here now, but I must leave my home to settle in Fallowfield, where no doubt an "experience" of some kind awaits me.

LABOR ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS.

By REV. I. D. STEWART.

In the pages of the Helper I wish to put on record a few facts illustrative of the principle announced in the caption of this article. I do it, as an interested observer, for the help and encouragement of all who would succeed in benevolent work.

When a few women saw the need of a periodical through which could be laid before their sisters the wants that the Woman's Missionary Society was trying to supply, and the plans and reasons for supplying them, they first of all laid the question before the society at the General Conference in Fairport, N. Y. It was then or subsequently agreed that it would not be proper to take the mission funds for meeting the expense of such a work, nor would they recklessly commence its publication without knowing its means of support. Nor did they lay wise plans for its publication, and then wait for the subscriptions to come in; but the friends of the enterprise set themselves to the work of an actual canvass, not by paid agents, but by voluntary correspondence, urging personal solicitation everywhere. A subscription list sufficient to meet the actual expenses was soon secured, the contributed articles to be gratuitously furnished. Not satisfied with this, but in order to make its publication permanent, some fifty of the members put themselves under a written obligation to be assessed the necessary amount, not exceeding two dollars a year for five years, to supply any deficit that might occur in the receipts necessary to meet the expenditures. done, it was wisely and safely decided to publish the HELPER, and we rejoice in the fact that its subscription list has been constantly increasing.

It was the generous, persistent labor put into the effort to awaken an interest in, and secure the support of, the HELPER, that brought it into existence with such a hopeful promise of a useful life. The amount of labor thus performed, none but they who did the work can fully know.

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When it was understood how the girls at Harper's Ferry were suffering from the want of better accommodations while attending the Normal School, a few women took hold of the subject like business men. They learned that a large boarding hall could be erected on the foundation already laid, and with one thousand dollars more in hand it could be enclosed; and it was proposed to raise that amount under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. Every member of the Board indorsed the plan, and this fact being ascertained, the work of raising the money at once commenced. Statements of facts and appeals were made through the Morning Star and the HELPER, but that was only the beginning of the effort. How much time and postage were expended in correspondence we do not know, but one thing is certain, within sixty days from the announcement of the proposition, enough labor was put into the enterprise to secure more than the proposed \$1,000. It was faith in God and the people that prompted the work, and it was faith and works that brought the money.

Let it be remembered that good plans wisely arranged, and good desires sincerely cherished, will not of themselves bring success. Faith and works must accompany each other; and when they do, success is sure. In other words, if you would see a work done, go to God for help and do it.

CRUMBS.

THE disciples were commanded to gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost. Many of the most impressive lessons which they received were based upon the humblest things around them. Sometimes the flowers by the wayside and the stones of the streets were their text-books. When seeking for earthly honors, Jesus pointed them to a little child, as a model to be copied.

Carefully studying the life of Christ, from his earliest ministry to the farewell blessing at Bethany, we find that not anything of worth, however small, ever escaped his notice. To-day He is the same as then; the lessons His immediate followers needed, we need; the work they began is now our work. Never was there a greater call for laborers, or a more imperative demand for the falling crumbs, that nothing be lost.

Again and again the friends of the foreign mission, our mission, have pleaded for these wasted crumbs, that what remains from a rich repast, prepared for others, might be allowed to the hungry, starving heathen. These calls have been heard, but how have they been heeded? Is the record all in our favor? Has nothing been lost when some fashionable article of dress or household adorning had been purchased, while at the same time thousands, yea, millions, are living without the light of the blessed gospel, because we care so little for their souls?

In looking over the year, now nearly gone, how many wasted crumbs are found, how many basketsful that were not gathered! Estimate the value, — tens, hundreds, thousands; that heavy debt, which has so long burdened the hearts of our missionaries, could have been paid if each member of our denomination had brought one basketful for the Lord's storehouse.

The privilege of giving is blessed, for God knows the worth of it all; with Him there is no depreciation in value. The pennies given by the poor may far outweigh the dollars given by the rich. The twenty-cent offering from one who toils for a mere pittance from early dawn to evening's hour, counts far more in heaven than the same sum from those who have their salaries of hundreds of dollars. The real value depends upon the sacrifice required. With some, these crumbs may be nearly all their living; with others, it is far from giving "as God has prospered."

E. C. Jenness.

WE understand that Miss Cilley is to be actively engaged among the churches of the Central Association during the coming months. May every step of her way be cheered by ready responses to her earnest words for her adopted India, to which she longs to return.

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A WAYSIDE SCENE.

WE had crossed the Subanrekha River, had walked through the Patna bazar, and were about to pass a small banyan that stood by the road side. The appearance of the litter under the tree arrested my attention, and led me to linger a minute or It was evident that a struggle with the last enemy had just ended. A few dirty rags were mingled with the straw and leaves. The bundle of clothes, and the pilgrim's memento of his visit to Poore, the Jerusalem of the Hindoos, showed that the owner was from the far-off northwest. A few steps farther on, and there, lifeless and cold, lay the form of a pilgrim. Lota* in hand, he had evidently started for a ditch of very filthy water, or had been there and crept half-way up the grade. In a little drain made by the water among some bushes, lay the body stretched at full length, the lota tucked closely under his side as if he had fallen upon it, while the face was concealed by a dirty cloth that partially covered the form.

In the distant northwest, some poor soul longing for salvation, had heard that a pilgrimage to Poore would not only afford him peace of mind, but rescue fourteen generations of his ancestors from suffering in the unknown world. Animated by this hope, he had left country, family, and friends, traveled hundreds of miles, feasted his longing eyes on that hideous block of wood (but to him, Jagarnatha, the Lord of the world), and started for his distant home. Sick, weary, and foot-sore, a stranger in a strange land, no one to give him a cup of cold water, or watch his ebbing life, he had not made two hundred miles homeward, when death met him under the little banyan tree, and his life pilgrimage was ended.

This wayside scene was by no means new to me, but a feeling of awe crept over me, and the train of sad thoughts to which it gave birth clung to me long and closely. Many, many times did the questions come, Where is that pilgrim? For the cold, lifeless form that lay forsaken by the road-side, and would before morning become food for dogs and jackals, was only "the house he lived in." And where are the hundreds, yes, millions of pilgrims, who for ages have crowded this great national thoroughfare, and met death on the way? O where is that in-

^{*} A brass drinking vessel.

numerable throng? The Judge of all the earth has done right in regard to them. But, my dear friends, have you nor I no responsibility in relation to the present generation, and those that are to follow? Are we to quiet our consciences with the language of the murderer Cain, fold our hands, caring only for ourselves, while generations more follow their fathers? God forbid!

H. C. PHILLIPS.

LETTER FROM BALASORE.

NEARLY five months had slipped away since I first arrived in Balasore, and I had not been absent from the station more than a day during that time. The Quarterly Meeting was to be held at Santipore, my old home. So Monday afternoon, June 3, found me on my way in a little open carriage. Unlike the notable Mrs. Lofty, who had dapple-grays to draw hers, I had three black Hindoos; but I am sure I succeeded in traveling my thirteen or fourteen miles quite as safely, and almost as rapidly, if not quite so elegantly, as her ladyship of the poem. After spending the night at a large station on the road, I again started on, and by the help of my sable ponies, reached Patna, and received Miss Crawford's hearty welcome, before the sun found time to

trouble me a great deal.

About sunset of the same day I began the last twelve miles of my journey, for I was anxious to spend a day or so in the new bungalow at Dantoon, and go from there to Santipore. About a mile from Dantoon in the dim moonlight I could just distinguish two persons on horseback. I knew they must be my father and mother, so hastened to overtake them. I can hardly tell how good, and yet how strange it seemed to meet them after so short a trip, when for years I had been accustomed to think of them as half-way round the world from me. But the strangeness soon vanishes as I notice surroundings, and hear the native language spoken. So little do Indian places and people change that I might almost fancy myself to have been gone for a few months only, instead of for years. We soon reached the bungalow, and proceeded to a rapid discussion of its merits and demerits. Of the latter just at present it seems to have a large number. It is by no means finished, the veranda floors, as well as those of some of the rooms, being simply clay as yet. house stands on quite an elevation, so that it catches the least breath of air that chances to be stirring. But the situation has its disadvantages, especially now in its unfinished state, with no foliage of any kind about it, and instead heaps of sand, mortar, and lime.

It may be imagined, that when we reached peaceful little Santipore, the quiet shade there and grassy lawn were very soothing and agreeable

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10 rBut even Santipore looked forsaken and sadly unlike its former cheerful self, after so long a period of neglect and dry weather. Hardly a flower was to be seen, and both grass and trees looked very thirsty; but the pine-apple plants had bravely endured all and were bearing finely, there being, I am sure, not

less than six hundred about the garden.

But I hasten to tell you of the Quarterly Meeting which I came to attend. The sessions were held from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 2 to 4 P. M. Besides these hours of strictly Quarterly Meeting work, there were sunrise prayer-meetings. These latter were very good. I notice much improvement in the social meetings among the native Christians. There are very few of those long pauses that used to kill out all life and enjoyment of the meetings. Many of the essays given by the native preachers were excellent, and showed good systematic thought. The subjects had been given out at the previous Quarterly Meeting, and some of them were most unfortunately chosen. The committee on subjects for the next session have done themselves much credit in their selection of topics, and an improvement is looked for in the essays to be read next time.

Many of the papers called forth quite interesting discussions. It was pleasant to see how kindly criticism was given and received, even on points of grammar. The evenings were occupied by lectures and sermons. One of the latter, by the oldest as well as most successful of the native preachers, good Kamal Naik, having for its subject "God's Object in the Crea-

tion of Man," was very interesting indeed.

I wish many of our friends could have visited the Sabbath school. It is certainly the largest in the mission, and both teachers and pupils seem thoroughly interested in their work. There were a large number of Hindoo and Santal scholars in, and they seemed to enjoy the services as well as the rest. The superintendent, Hiram Curtis, is thoroughly in earnest in his work; his teachers' meetings are well kept up. On account of work at home I was obliged to finish my visit as soon as the sessions closed; so after a pleasant day spent with Miss Crawford and another on the road, I found myself again in Balasore ready for work. In my next I must tell you of my first visit to the zenanas after coming back.

IDA O. PHILLIPS.

FAREWELL WORDS.

THE following words, addressed to Mrs. Hills, will be interesting to very many who could not say "Good-bye":—

NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 5, 12.40 A. M.

Our vacation in dear America is ended. In less than twelve short hours we must set our faces seaward and workward. With a glad and grateful heart shall I go back to the land of my birth. God has been exceedingly good to us all during our stay in this country. Most thankful am I for the precious friends I have found. Three years ago I came here comparatively a stranger; now I return, feeling as though I had an army of warm-hearted, earnest workers to support us in the work. I shall feel as never before, that there are very many strong hands holding the ropes while we slowly descend into the pit. While I joyfully return to the work, I cannot but feel the loss we are to sustain in leaving you all in this country. May our Father most abundantly bless each and every one of you at home. It is such a comfort to know that we are all laboring for the same blessed Master. Let us toil on until he calls us home.

How can I be thankful enough for all the kindnesses I have received from almost every one with whom I had anything to do. My poor pen is slow, and unable to express the thoughts which come welling up in my heart. . . .

I must say good-bye with a heart full of love. JULIA.

The following was sent from the ship, probably on the return of the pilot:—

OFF SANDY HOOK, Oct. 5, 1878.

Thank God we are off at last! I had to work all night, almost, to get my work done. Pray for us. God bless you. Affectionately,

James.

We learn that the "Circassia" reached Glasgow, Oct. 15. Our friends are probably enjoying a rich feast in London, at the World's Missionary Conference, now in session there.

Workers in Council.

R. I. LADIES' MISSIONARY MEETING.

This meeting was held Sept. 18, in the Roger Williams Church, Providence, and was called, in part, for the public recognition of Miss Hattie P. Phillips, missionary elect of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, as their missionary to support, and also to provide the expense of her outfit and passage to India.

Forenoon, afternoon, and evening sessions were held. Collations were served between the sessions, which had been generously provided by the Roger Williams and Olneyville churches. Through all the sessions, the meeting was favored by the presence of Mrs. Dr. J. L. Phillips and Misses Julia E. and Hattie P. Phillips.

After the opening of the morning session, Mrs. L. R. Burlingame, president of the meeting, gave an address of warm welcome to the goodly number of ladies who had come together from their respective churches. The responses of these sisters, as they were called on to report in regard to the work of raising funds, was, in the main, very gratifying. Mrs. Dr. Phillips then thrilled the audience with an intensely interesting address, on what the gospel had done for India within the last thirty years, a briefly condensed report of which we hope to give our readers in our next issue.

After the opening of the afternoon session, Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, of Dover, N. H., gave some early reminiscences relating to the trials of our pioneer missionaries soon after entering the field, when Mr. and Mrs. Noves were stricken down with fever, and Mr. Jeremiah Phillips was called to commit to the earth the bodies of his wife and child, being obliged to dig their grave and bury them with his own hands. Mrs. Brewster congratulated the ladies on the degree of success with which God had blessed their efforts to provide support for a missionary, whom they may have for their own to care for hereafter. In introducing Miss Hattie Phillips, she said, "We have with us to-day one who has left a position of usefulnes in the West to obey her Master's call, one who has eminent qualifications for the service to which she has given herself. We can take her as ours, to give to her our prayers, our sympathies, and our support. Will these Christian women thus take her?" The ladies then rose, as expressive of their pledge thus to do. Mrs. Brewster, in their behalf, then extended the hand of welcome to Miss Phillips, as a token of their acceptance of the trust, and in most tender and fitting words expressed their gratification for the privilege awarded them. Miss Phillips responded in a very happy manner, thanking the ladies for thus adopting her, and saying that in no act of her life had she ever felt more sure of the divine guidance. Next written questions, relating to India, were passed from the

audience to the platform, and their answers by Mrs. Phillips and Miss Julia were listened to with intense attention. Then followed a map exercise by Miss Julia, describing the most interesting points, as she traced, on a large map of the eastern hemisphere, the ship's course in her own near prospective voyage from Glasgow, Scotland, down the Atlantic, through the Straits of Gibraltar to Port Said, thence through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal up to Calcutta, and thence to her home in Midnapore.

The evening session was designed to interest the children's missionary band. Mrs. Hills narrated to them something of the child-life of Miss Crawford as a poor orphan, in Western New York; how she came to be a missionary; and her work in India for heathen children. Mrs. Brewster read to them a letter from the "children's missionary," Miss Ida Phillips. Then followed the children's exercise, "All the world for Jesus," in which thirteen young girls took part, acquitting themselves finely. The audience was again absorbed, often amusingly, in the replies of Mrs.-Phillips and Miss Julia to questions presented, as in the afternoon session. Miss Hattie Phillips addressed the children in a very impressive manner. Her earnest words they will not soon forget. In this life, all pleasant seasons have an end, so this one of most precious memory, after a brief closing exercise, was numbered with the past. But its hallowed influence - for the presence of the Master was there - will long remain as a living inspiration in the hearts of the richly privileged guests of this blessed feast. M. M. H. H.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE following is an extract from an address given at a public meeting of the auxiliary connected with the F. Baptist Church, Concord, N. H., by Mrs. R. Clark, Secretary.

"Our society was organized March 15, 1877, since which time it has constantly increased in numbers and interest and power. Nine poor children have been kept in the Sunday school the past year, twenty meetings have been held, and thirty-four added to our membership. . . .

"We have fallen below what we hoped to do this year, but the times are hard, and more, a large class do not realize the importance of this work. There are a few, however, who realizing it are laboring earnestly, and are already reaping a reward. We have held meetings regularly on the first Thursday of each month, with extra meetings called when there was work to be done. An encouraging feature of the society is the work among the children, in which a real enthusiasm is shown, several of the boys and girls earning their pennies with a zeal which involves work and self-denial. But our cause demands an increase of consecration. The freed women in the South struggling for an education, the missionary in India, and the zenanas opening without teachers to supply them, are all calling for help; these

things alone should be sufficient to bring many new laborers to the front. Christ came to the earth to save the lost, and this is his command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." May we cheerfully abide by it. We now stand on the second stepping-stone of our progress, and as we review the year, we are grateful to him whose loving care has been over us, and whose own hand has led us to this resting-place. From it we would offer the pledge of renewed fidelity, and the prayer that others may come with us in loving obedience to the Master's command."

MRS. WILEY says, "We have, in connection with the Whitefield (N. H.) church a Woman's Auxiliary Mission Society and a Mission Band. These are thoroughly organized and well at work. Our Mission Band will be responsible for three shares of Miss Ida's salary, beginning July 1.

"Our missionary concert is held on the first Sabbath evening of each month. Brief cuttings containing missionary intelligence are given to the young people for reading on the occasion; the children have recitations; all participate in appropriate singing, and our missionary concert is the most interesting meeting of the whole month."

EASTERN MAINE.

THE Mission meeting in connection with our Yearly Meeting at Fort Fairfield was of unusual interest. Reports from the churches show an increase of interest and of work during the year. Our hearts were cheered by the presence of sisters from other yearly meetings. Stirring remarks were made by Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Penney, and other ladies. We feel the increase of interest is due in part to the Helper. May its circulation still increase, and God's blessing rest on those who are so nobly carrying forward the work.

M. R. D. W., Secretary.

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At the late session of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting, held in August, with the First Kyger Church, a resolution was adopted pledging the Y. M. to raise \$400 annually for the support of a missionary in India. At the meeting of the Ohio Free Communion Baptist State Convention, held at Cheshire, Sept. 3-5, the principal interest of the session clustered around the question of adopting with the above-named Y. M., Miss Nellie Phillips, now Lady Principal of the Rio Grande College, as a foreign missionary. While it is too late to state all that is contemplated, it is hoped that such an arrangement can be successfully carried out. Miss Phillips is actively engaged in increasing the interest in missionary work in the State.

CENTRAL MAINE.

By the courtesy of the committee of arrangements, one hour of the session of the Maine Central Yearly Meeting was assigned to the Woman's Missionary Society. Though the time was, by the pressure of other matters, condensed to thirty minutes, it still left opportunity for two most excellent addresses. Rev. Mr. Morrell spoke with much appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Woman's Missionary Society to the work at Harper's Ferry, and of the pressing need which still exists for continued aid. Referring to service done by women in the early days of our mission to the Shenandoah Valley, he told an affecting story of the blessed and fruitful ministries of a particular young lady, one of the volunteer teachers. Her voice he had to-day been happy to recognize. It was afterwards learned that this young lady was our new Home Secretary.

Dr. Phillips followed with an address of thrilling eloquence, full of suggestion and inspiration. It is impossible to give, from memory, even an abstract of this address; but the impression it left is still vivid: that a vast and most important department of the work of India's evangelization lies in the hands of Christian women — no others can reach it. The wives and mothers in the zenanas of that pagan land wield a mighty, secret influence; and this will powerfully retard or advance the kingdom of our Lord, according as it is neglected or directed by Christian women. Dr. P. urged pastors to encourage and assist the women in this work. He spoke of the glad and self-denying service of women in our churches, whose dress and home frugality show that they do not begin their retrenchments at the Lord's treasury.

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On the first day of the session, the ladies held a missionary prayer-meeting of less than an hour. A large number were present, and it was a very pleasant and interesting occasion. At its close, the names of representatives from different auxiliaries were taken, and another meeting was appointed for 9 o'clock the next morning. Though rain was falling, the vestry was nearly filled at the appointed hour. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Jordan, of Portland, Mrs. Mosher, of Dover, and several other ladies. Requests were made that some of these addresses neight be published. A deep interest of mind and heart is manifestly awaking in quarters where it has not hitherto been apparent, and a desire is felt to do something for the furtherance of the gospel and kingdom of our Lord. The Helper was warmly recommended, and many expressed a purpose to avail themselves of its light and stimulus.

A. C. H.

THE Women of the Orient, by Rev. R. C. Houghton, is a book of great value. The author speaks from observation, and seeks to bring forward facts which may help the women of this country in their efforts to aid their less favored sisters. He gives us a peep into the religious, social, and intellectual condition of the women of Japan, China, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, and India. Price of the volume, \$1.25.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

SUPPLEMENTARY to the present number of the Helper will be found the Reports of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. They are earnestly commended to the attention of our readers.

IN regard to the MISSIONARY HELPER for 1879, please see Prospectus on the third page of the cover.

THE subscriptions of nearly all our subscribers expires with this number. Please renew at once.

THOSE making remittances to us by means of postage-stamps, will do us a favor by not sending us denominations larger than three cents.

On the 1st of October, five young ladies, sent by the different branches of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the M. E. Church, sailed from San Francisco for fields in China and Japan. Mrs. Flora B. Harris, a returning missionary, accompanied them. This Society had previously sent to the Foreign field thirty-one missionaries, of whom eight were medical graduates. Others are under appointment to be sent during the coming year.

SIXTEEN distinct societies, European and American, are now carrying on zenana work; and while there is cause for thankfulness that a hundred and twenty ladies in connection with them are telling the "old, old story" to their secluded sisters, the question naturally arises in the mind of the Christian, on contemplating the vastness of that empire, "What are these among so many?" And while here and there these laborers can tell of inquirers, and even of baptisms, it is still true that darkness covers the earth, "and gross darkness the people." Yet encouragement to go on sowing the seed increases year by year. "India is now like a glacier," a preacher in Calcutta recently remarked, "hard, frozen, impenetrable, stretching down to the smiling plains below. A block of this ice is occasionally melted by God's love shining so wonderfully upon it. If you can but permeate the zenanas with the grace that is in Christ Jesus, the glacier shall flow down in a river, which shall refresh and gladden the whole land, and cause the wilderness to blossom as a rose."—Leaflets.

WE would acknowledge from Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Brooklyn, L. I., the receipt of a package of leaflets, published under the direction of the W. F. M. Society of the M. E. Church. Several of them relate to the zenana and

medical work in India, and others embrace reports and appeals. Some of them are on tinted paper, and of convenient size to slip into letters. They are suggestive and helpful.

The Heathen Woman's Friend, the organ of this society, is an able monthly, edited by Mrs. W. F. Warren, and published in Boston, Mass. It is full of sparkling thought, said in a convincing way, and must be a real help to every one who reads its clear and open pages. It is most gratefully welcomed as an exchange.

WE take great pleasure in recommending Good Times, a magazine edited by Mrs. M. B. C. Slade, as especially adapted for use in Sunday-school concerts, temperance and missionary meetings. Mission Bands will find it a valuable help. The second year commences with September, and will continue ten months. Price \$1.00, or 15 cents per copy. A bound volume for 1878 can be had for \$1.50. Will our readers who wish to subscribe send to us?

It is stated that the Baptists receive seventeen converts for every year's labor of their home missionaries; and forty-three for each year of foreign missionary service.

THE work among the Telegoos, a people inhabiting a tract of country lying south of the district occupied by the Free Baptists, is truly wonderful. Some one says that it is like the Pentecostal scenes at the opening of the Christian dispensation at Jerusalem. Twenty-five years ago it was proposed to abandon the field in view of its apparently hopeless character; but to-day the reward of fainting not is reaped in a harvest of eight thousand six hundred and more natives baptized and added to the church at Ongole, in a few months. May we not pray that this shower of divine favor may reach to Orissa and Bengal, that there a "nation be born in a day"?

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THE sixty-ninth annual meeting of the American Board was held at Milwaukee, Wis., during the first week in October. The operations of the year were found to be very successful. The debt of \$48,000 has been reduced to less than \$5,000. The Board will meet at Syracuse next year.

THERE are various bodies of Free Baptists in the South and West, which seem to have no visible bond of union. We would gladly welcome them to a participation in our missionary enterprises, and especially invite the sisters in these churches to a place among us. The Master has need of all our service; and in combined, loving, loyal action, there is greater efficiency and power. Could you know the sisters of the East, you would find warm hearts, responsively beating to your own, in desires to be one in Christian labors,

Children's Miche.

SOWING AND REAPING.

Sow with a generous hand,
Pause not for toil or pain;
Weary not through the heat of summer,
Weary not through the cold spring rain;
But wait till the autumn comes
For the sheaves of golden grain.

Scatter the seed, and fear not,
A table will be spread;
What matter if you are too weary
To eat your hard-earned bread?
Sow, while the earth is broken,
For the hungry must be fed.

Sow, while the seeds are lying
In the warm earth's bosom deep,
And your warm tears fall upon it,—

They will stir in their quiet sleep; And the green blades rise the quicker, Perchance, for the tears you weep.

Then sow, for the hours are fleeting,
And the seed must fall to-day;
And care not what hands shall reap it,
Or if you have passed away
Before the waving corn-fields
Shall gladden the sunny day.

Sow; and look onward, upward,
Where the starry light appears, —
Where, in spite of the coward's doubting,
Or your own heart's doubts and fears,
You shall reap in joy the harvest
You have sown, to-day, in tears.
— A delaide Proctor.

QUESTIONS ON INDIA.

At a mission concert given by one of the bands in this city, among other good things presented, were the answers to the following questions on India. The questions were proposed by one of the directresses. To obtain the answers, books were borrowed, great encyclopedias searched, maps were looked over, and the result was, a pleasant amount of information. One young lady of fifteen prepared several pages in the description of caste. Other parts of the programme were the recitation of poems, "Work, then Rest," "A Mite Song," "The Penny ye Meant to Gi'e" (by a very little girl), "Use me, thy Child," two dialogues, singing, and the responsive reading of the 24th Psalm.

- 1. Where is India, and what are its divisions?
- 2. Who governs India?
- 3. Name some of the cities and rivers.
- 4. What ocean on the south, and mountains on the north?
- 5. Some of the products; animals?
- 6. If you were going to India by water, through what waters would you sail, and how long would be the voyage? Also, what is the shortest route?

- 7. Tell something about the people of India.
- 8. Describe the dwellings of the Hindoos.
- 9. Who is Juggernaut, and tell something of his worship?
- 10. Describe caste.

SALE OF GODS.

In almost every veranda, you will see a man or woman seated flat on the floor, which, you will remember, is of earth, with a variety of articles spread around him, or her, for sale. Everything that a native wants can be found in one veranda or the other. But the strangest things exposed for sale are gods! One day we passed one of these shops, and the man sat painting the three principal gods on cloth! These were Juggernaut, with his brother and sister. On the ground lay a small pile of little blocks of green wood, not over seven inches long, and the next day they had been roughly hewn into these gods, and the chips were drying for cooking the man's rice. Just then a pilgrim came along, and for one pice bought a little Juggernaut, that had been finished and gayly painted. Just think of paying less than one cent for a little wooden image, then calling it a god, and bowing down and worshiping it!

This is the way they pray to order in Persia. "A royal order had been issued that public prayer be offered for relief from drought. Fifty teachers, followed by their scholars, went to the meadow of Kaat Khaneh, the valley of Sweet Waters. Finding a large, open plat, the whole company marched round it three times, with an Imam, or priest, at their head. The teachers then seated themselves on the grass, with their respective pupils around them. Before each teacher were placed two bags, one being empty, and the other full of clean pebbles. Each one of the fifty took a pebble from the full bag, repeated over it a short prayer, and then, breathing upon it three times, dropped it into the empty bag. This was performed in concert, and at the end of each prayer, the whole company of boys responded, 'Amen.' When the Imam found, by counting, that seventy-two thousand prayers had been offered, he gave a signal to stop. The pebbles were then collected and emptied into a great leathern sack, the mouth of which was closed, and thrown into the stream which runs through the meadow, to lie there till the prayers were - H. W. Friend. answered."

We learn of a new band of twenty members at Houlton, Maine, which takes one share in Miss Ida's salary. We welcome another from St. Johnsbury, Vt., which has the same pleasant object before it. And still another, in the Mount Vernon Church, Lowell, Mass., which has already sent one loving offering of five dollars, and pledges another.

In the Olneyville Church, R. I., the boys deciding not to let their sisters have all the good things, with a worthy spirit of emulation, we hope, have organized a society of "Mission Workers," and have in their minds to do the grand work of supporting a native preacher.

As one of the immediate good results of an acquaintance with our Society and its needs, the young people at Lyndon Centre formed a "Young Ladies' Aid Society" Oct. 8, consisting of fourteen members, since which time eleven others have joined, each paying ten cents for admittance. They expect to be able to send enough to finish a room in Myrtle Hall before the 1st of January, and then go right on doing other worthy things.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As we glance back over the five years of our existence as a society, and mark the steps that have been taken, and the work accomplished, the outlook is encouraging. Although in many respects we have proved ourselves unskilled laborers, yet with thankful hearts for what we have been permitted to do, we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Each year since the organization of the Woman's Society has witnessed an increase of auxiliaries, and a steady growth in the spirit of missions.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

The past year has been signalized by two encouraging features: the laying of the corner-stone of Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, and the publication of the MISSIONARY HELPER. For the former object, it seems worthy of mention, that not one dollar was taken from the general treasury, but the money all came in, in answer to appeals made by those who felt the imperative needs of the work. The result shows what strong faith, coupled with resolute action, can accomplish even in these "hard times."

The publication of a missionary magazine had, for some time, been under consideration. At this day, when the globe is being girdled with missionary stations, when all the religious journals, and even the secular press, teem with items concerning this work, it is passing strange that Christian women, conversant with many of the events of the day, should yet understand so little of missionary aims and purposes.

Said a writer in the Heathen Woman's Friend, "One of the

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most cheering signs of the times, is the increasing relish in all the churches for missionary reading. We are confident that the Christian women of America have read more on the subject of missions during the last ten years than in the fifty preceding This increased knowledge is bearing glorious fruit in action." Glorious fruit indeed! Is it not because of the missionary intelligence scattered broadcast by the women of these denominations, that a large measure of the wonderful success of their mission societies is due? While rejoicing in this success of their sister workers, the Free Baptist women felt that the time had fully come to emulate their example and take another step forward. Anxiously, yet hopefully, freighted with earnest prayers, was our little bark launched. Not a twelvemonth has passed since it started on its mission of love, but its success has far exceeded our expectations. But while thankful for these encouraging prospects, there is sturdy work yet to be done. fore the close of the present year, let every club of subscribers be renewed; renewed, if possible, with additional numbers. Let no effort be spared to send the HELPER to every Free Baptist family. The small subscription price brings it within the reach of nearly all. And are there not ladies in each of the churches willing to take one or two additional copies, that the small fraction really unable to pay for the magazine may be supplied?

The great want of the church to-day, is knowledge: knowledge of the broad fields so rapidly opening for the reception of the gospel; knowledge of the urgent need of laborers to till those fields, to scatter broadcast the seeds of truth. Had some missionary periodical been a regular visitant to our homes for the last half century, who believes that that incubus on the parent society, the debt, would have been contracted? Who believes that our Indian mission would be in its present feeble state? Who believes that we now should be obliged to blush for the mortifying fact that but little more than half of our churches do anything for Foreign Missions? Then let every lady feel that the responsibility is resting upon her to do all in her power in the circulation of our modest little Helper.

WORK ABROAD.

Reports from our busy Indian workers are encouraging. Miss Ida Phillips, who sailed from this country in October last, has entered on her work with her characteristic zeal and energy. She writes under date of July 27, "I visit with my teachers just now about a hundred houses. We have at present not far from two hundred pupils. I have ten teachers to help me; a number, however, much too small for the best instruction of all. Many of the women in the zenanas take a great deal of interest in learning of Christ, and one or two I think really intend to serve him; but there are many things to hold them back, and the light in their hearts is yet dim."

Miss Mary Bacheler, in her report for the year, states that the work among the higher classes could be somewhat increased, and among the common people, almost indefinitely, were there means for the employment of teachers. One of their best teachers, in her zeal, had worked beyond her strength, and was seriously ill. Others were killing themselves by overwork. Miss Bacheler herself not only inspects all the work each month, but teaches in five houses every alternate day.

Miss Crawford writes in her usual cheerful vein. She says, "I was out a good deal visiting schools, and am thankful to say the heat did not hurt me." Those of us who remember the excessive heat of the past season even in New England, can perhaps have some slight idea of the resolution it would require to go nearly round the circuit of the schools, as she states she did, in June. She adds, "The weather is fearfully hot; the papers report 117 degrees in the shade. Among all the places to which I went during the month, I saw only one chair, and was thankful to get even a stool to sit on."

We seldom read one of the letters of this indefatigable worker, without feeling more and more the moral heroism of a life like hers. How fitting was that beautiful tribute paid to her by him whose feet were even then touching the verge of the dark valley, in that never-to-be-forgotten address before this Society, at Providence. God grant that health and strength may be hers for many a year, to pursue her grand, self-sacrificing work;

and that, for the sake of India's benighted children, for the sake of many in her native land to whom her example is an inspiration and a blessing, she may indeed "arrive late to Heaven."

Miss Hattie Phillips, who was accepted as a candidate in June last, has been elected by the Board, and is now on her way to her chosen field of labor. She comes to us with the highest testimonials of scholarship, Christian character, and success in teaching. Thus the society is now employing two missionaries, besides paying the salary of Miss Mary Bacheler, and supporting some twenty or more zenana teachers. It also continues its aid to the Harper's Ferry School, being responsible for the salary of Miss Brackett, and assisting numbers of girls in the school.

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There is one point to which an allusion seems necessary, although it has been referred to in former reports. It has been the desire of this society from its organization, not to interfere in the least with the work of the parent society. It has often been stated that what was paid into our treasury was to be additional to that received by the other societies. We had supposed this to be fully understood; and yet we not unfrequently hear of remarks made by pastors of our churches to the effect that the Woman's Society is taking funds that should be paid to the treasury of the Parent Board. Is this so? As far as our knowledge extends, the churches which support an active, live woman's organization, do the most also for the parent society. It is a well established fact, that the more one does for one department of benevolent work, the more will he be interested to do for another and yet another. As the mind becomes more and more contracted, whose interest is all centered in self, whose sympathies are bounded by the domains of home, so does that soul broaden and enlarge, which sees in every man a brother, and clasps the whole world in its embrace.

Said Dr. Dashiell, in answer to the query, "Does the Woman's Society detract from the receipts of the Parent

Board?" "It is my conviction that for every dollar the treasury of the Parent Board-loses, the general cause of missions gains ten."

Can any one doubt that the Woman's Societies have been beneficent agents in the great work of evangelizing the world? Let us give a single glance at what some of them have accomplished. The Woman's Society of the Presbyterian church, in the ninth year of its existence, has 85 missionaries: 23 in India, 20 in China, 9 in South America, 7 in Persia, and so on. They have also 30 Bible readers, and 150 native teachers. receipts of the society the past year, were nearly \$84,000. The W. F. M. Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, has appropriated this year over \$81,000. Twelve women are under appointment, and expect to leave for foreign mission work this fall. The Congregational W. M. Society have now in the foreign field, 67 missionaries, 58 Bible readers, 18 boarding schools, etc. The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society has been in existence seven years. The total receipts of those seven years have been \$193,448.92. They have now in the foreign field, 28 missionaries. One has well said, "If the Woman's Missionary Societies keep on growing as they have grown in the past five years, they will soon overtake the old established societies in point of receipts and extent of their work."

Who may rightly appreciate the value of this work? Who may estimate the worth of the rough jewels quarried from the mines of India. Japan, China, Turkey, and many other countries, that, polished by the Master's own hand, are even now, through the influence of these societies, sparkling in the coronet that decks that Master's brow!

And not alone on the recipients of this work does the blessing rest. The reflex influence is felt on the workers as well. These toilers could tell of aims and purposes becoming grander and nobler. They could tell of the dignity with which zealous, self-sacrificing work invests life; of the sweetness of laboring for the elevation of the unfortunate and oppressed.

And the children's bands that are being so widely organized!

Can any one rightly estimate the effect of their work on the youthful workers? Ah! there is hope for the church. These children will soon be men and women. Who doubts that their young minds will be imbued with the very spirit of beneficence?

It is said that the Woman's Mission Boards and their auxilaries number, in this country alone, 9,000. Would any pastor be willing to take the responsibility of stopping or in any manner discouraging a work like this?

WORK OF THE HOUR.

It will be noticed that our missionaries all speak of being crippled in their work by want of funds. Would that we could sound the bugle-call that should arouse every woman to a sense of her duty to God and humanity. If we close our ears to the cry that comes over the waters, if the voices of the long-oppressed daughters of our own land are unheeded, then are we false to our covenant vows. The command given in Jerusalem eighteen hundred years since, is just as binding on Christians at this day, as it was on those early disciples. The fields at home and abroad are bright with promise; laborers stand ready to enter those fields. Shall we, Christian women of America, complain of our limited means, and turn a deaf ear to solicitations for aid, when even heathen women are forming auxiliary societies, and giving, amid their penury? A missionary writing from Shajehanpore, says, "When I spoke of forming a society, not one word was said of hard times, although the pressure has been very severe on all our people." How does the example of these, so recently heathen women, shame those who in this Christian land, surrounded by all the comforts of life, refuse the trifling pittance of two cents a week to assist in carrying on an enterprise the importance of which eternity alone can reveal.

O, that the veil were taken from our vision, that we might understand the full significance of life and its duties. Then would the grandeur of a work like this, burst upon our minds, and we feel the blessedness of having some share in its glorious results.

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

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WITHOUT auxiliaries composed of women with heart and brain consecrated to the work, this Society is one only in name. As they increase, its strength increases; if they diminish, it is weakened. District Secretaries have the oversight of these auxiliaries, and upon their reports we depend for any insight we may get into the home-work of the Society; and divided and subdivided as the work is, this seems to be the true way of reaching results. Certainly, by this means are all the workers more closely united in their labor for the success of this organization. The following reports will show what it has accomplished during the past year, — enough, we think, to give us a fresh stimulus for future service.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Mrs. E. D. Wade, District Secretary of the Penobscot Yearly Meeting, says: "I am happy to report an increase of mission interest in our yearly meeting. We have eleven auxiliaries and nine children's bands. Other churches are contributing to this cause that have no regularly organized societies. We have raised this year \$187. Miss Phillips's visit and the Helper have done much towards enlightening Christians on this subject, and thus securing their sympathies and co-operation. The Helper is doing a noble work. I wish it was in every family in the denomination.

"I think the women of this denomination have a grand work on their hands; and the dear Father will help us carry it forward. Doors are standing open for us to enter; and although we may not, as individuals, go in, yet we may and will rush to the portals with warm hearts and loving words of cheer, and with loaded hands to supply the necessities of those who have already, and will hereafter, enter."

Miss A. Hasty, District Secretary of the Maine Western Yearly Meeting, writes: "The interest in this branch of Christian work in this district is steadily increasing. Five new auxiliary societies have been organized (there were six before) within the past year. There have also been three mission bands of young people and children organized. They are connected with the churches at South Parsonsfield, South Limington, and Limerick, (one was previously formed in Portland). They have some earnest workers, who, if sufficiently encouraged, insure the future success of the mission cause. The band of 'seed sowers' in Portland are scattering seed that leaves no doubt as to 'what the harvest will be.'

"The societies reported last year are actively at work, some with an increased membership, while others have fallen off a little. At some of the quarterly meetings mission prayer-meetings have been held with very good results. The call for aid from Harper's Ferry met with a ready response from many churches and individuals in this district. Miss Phillips's visit and work with us last April inspired many hearts to greater zeal in the cause of the Master."

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Mrs. F. S. Mosher, District Secretary of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, says: "We have endeavored in New Hampshire to reduce our work to a system. In most of the quarterly meetings we have an assistant, who aids in forming societies in churches, and in arranging meetings in connection with the sessions of the quarterly meetings. Some of these assistants are doing very efficient service. Although the times have been hard, and many of our auxiliaries have felt the pressure, yet we are sure the interest in missions is as great as ever. The readiness with which our women responded to the call for speedy help for Myrtle Hall, at Harper's Ferry, showed that we are ready for any work the necessity of which is brought before us.

"Miss Julia E. Phillips spent a month last winter visiting a few of our churches. She was cordially welcomed, and aided in forming several new societies among the women and children. We hope the results of her labor will continue to be felt after she has returned to India. The magazine has also had a good influence in our churches. We believe it is needed, and that the need is well met in its publication.

"The annual meeting in connection with the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting was most gratifying. The returned missionaries, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Phillips, were present, and made stirring addresses. Ladies from other States assisted in the exercises, and we think all must have felt their interest strengthened, and their determination increased to make the coming year more

productive of help to the mission cause."

Mrs. F. P. Eaton, District Secretary of the Vermont Yearly Meeting, reports: "So far as I know, there has been an increase of interest and co-operation in the mission cause in this State. There have been responses from each quarterly meeting to the call for money to pay the debt, to build the Girls' Boarding Hall, and something has been done for the outfit of new missionaries. Some sisters from the Huntington Quarterly Meeting regret the hinderances they have to doing anything abroad. When such are removed, gladly will they answer foreign calls. Also, a sister from the Enosburg Quarterly Meeting writes, 'The churches are very low. For two or three years past we have made great efforts to build them up, and so can do but little now for missions, but hope to do more in the future.' To appreciate what our churches in Vermont are doing, we must bear in mind how small many of them are. The Strafford Quarterly Meeting has churches that are alive to the mission work. The same interest exists in some churches in Corinth Quarterly Meeting. Sutton church has a mission society and supports a zenana teacher. If there were a few earnest, self-sacrificing, praying women in every church, we should be sure of work being done for missions. We think the number of subscribers for the HELPER should be increased. My prayer is that our faith and works may be

enlarged until the desired end is attained." She reports nine auxiliaries.

Mrs. S. A. Porter, District Secretary of Massachusetts, writes: "Among the churches in my district are some having a very creditable interest in our woman's work. The visits of Miss Phillips have done much to increase the interest. Not a little is due to her in this respect. The Helper has met a generous and hearty welcome.

"Our society has come to be recognized in our quarterly and yearly meetings, and is doing a work highly essential to the growth and prosperity of our churches, as well as of great benefit to the cause of missions. It is helping to bring out a hitherto latent talent among us, as a people, that already shows itself fruitful of good. A children's band has been organized in the Mount Vernon Church in Lowell. The Haverhill church has an earnest, active force engaged in our work there. In short, I may say, the work assigned to us as women is gaining ground in this State, as I feel confident it is doing elsewhere."

Mrs. L. Dexter, District Secretary of Rhode Island, reports: "The progress of the mission work in this district during the past year, though all too slow, has been very encouraging. 'Advance' has been the watch-word among the dear sisters, although discordant tones, bidding us halt, have been ringing along our lines from almost every other branch of expenditures. The faithful efforts of brave, earnest workers have won results, which, though not perfect, are truly inspiring, and are slowly yielding their full fruitage.

"At our annual meeting, held in connection with the Rhode Island Association in May, a resolution to assume the salary of a missionary was adopted by the sisters. As a result of this movement, Miss Hattie Phillips has been accepted by the Board, and assigned to us. Correspondence concerning the support of our missionary has been held with all the churches of the district, and we have been pleased to learn of the readiness with which the women have accepted the work of securing the necessary funds.

"The reports from auxiliary societies and mission bands also bespeak an increasing interest in the work. The moneys collected by these organizations show that their members have accepted the truth, that God requires not only a consecration of our hearts, but also our substance. Miss Phillips has visited various churches during the past few months, presenting the cause with her usual ability and earnestness; and as one of the results, we have three new mission bands, located at Blackstone, Tiverton, and Carolina Mills. Hence, we have now existing nine auxiliaries and ten mission bands. Several other churches have been aroused to more earnest work and are faithful contributors.

"Our labors have not been wholly confined to the foreign field. The cry for help from Harper's Ferry was heard and answered by nearly every church in our district. Thus a true missionary spirit has been attesting itself throughout the limits of our little field. With hearts of gratitude for these manifold blessings, we hope to give better heed in the future to the command, 'Go ye, therefore, teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Mrs. N. C. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Yearly Meeting, writes: "We feel that throughout our yearly meeting we have done more for the cause of missions during the past year than ever before, and that there is still a growing interest. "The Richland and Licking Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society was organized Aug. 17, 1877, and has held regular meetings at each session of their quarterly meeting. They are encouraged to do more the year to come than the past year. Fifteen copies of the Helper are taken. Their funds have been paid to the parent society. Henrietta church has the only society in the Loraine Quarterly Meeting. The Harmony Quarterly Meeting Society was organized September, 1877. Twenty-six copies of the Helper are taken. They have forwarded their funds to the parent society.

"In the Marion Quarterly Meeting, there has been no society organized, but three dollars have been paid to the Woman's Society. About ten copies of the HELPER are taken. The Seneca

and Huron Quarterly Meeting Woman's Mission Society now numbers sixty-eight members. Sixty-two copies of the Helper are taken. The society has contributed for Harper's Ferry ten dollars, besides a barrel of clothing for the students, valued at eighteen dollars; for outfit of missionary, ten dollars; and for the general work of the society, sixty dollars, — making in all eighty dollars. We would suggest that if these woman's societies, in the different quarterly meetings mentioned in this report, are auxiliary to this society, they should forward their funds directly to our treasury.

To the other reports we add a statement of Miss Phillips's work as agent for the Woman's Society, which is condensed from her report to the Board.

Miss Julia E. Phillips entered upon her work for the society Nov. 4, 1877, visiting the churches, and organizing auxiljaries and children's bands. She visited eleven churches in the Penobscot Yearly Meeting, eight in the Maine Central, ten in the Maine Western, eleven in New Hampshire, six in Massachusetts, and seven in Rhode Island. She reports the organization of nineteen auxiliary societies and twenty-four bands, either during her visit or soon afterwards, if they fulfilled their pledges. She attended three quarterly meetings and the Rhode Island Association, where the woman's work was presented. She also secured a large number of subscribers for the HELPER. She devoted about eight months to this efficient service. Her report thus closes: "Let us never look back, but with our eyes fixed on Christ, let us go steadily onward, and He will surely grant abundant success. Let us take for our motto, 'The whole wide world for Jesus,' and be satisfied with nothing less."

ENCOURAGING RESULTS.

And what is the financial result of this work? The treasurer's report shows that the receipts by contributors, not including the special work for Harper's Ferry, which amounts to \$1,460.52, exceeds those of last year by \$309.35. From our outlook we believe the society has a stronger hold upon the hearts of the women of the denomination than ever before. New laborers

are coming to the front, and old ones with increasing interest apply themselves to the work. As the years go by and the interest grows, greater responsibilities come, and at times some almost shrink from assuming them. But the Master promises strength according to our day, and we see already a partial fulfillment of the promise, as the women come up bravely and determinedly to the work which falls to their hands. And they have been tested in this matter the past year as never before. It was felt by some members of the Board that a missionary magazine was needed. The question of the expediency of undertaking this new branch of work was tested by seeking to find out the opinions of the people, and, also, if there were women ready to be responsible for it financially. So satisfactory were the results that the work was undertaken. The present subscription list fully justifies the decision.

And then came the call for aid from Harper's Ferry. All through the previous year, by appeals to the Sunday schools, and by the aid of the Centennial singers, that faithful band of workers at Harper's Ferry had been trying to raise the sum necessary to continue work on the Girls' Boarding Hall. About fifteen hundred dollars had been secured; but this was not sufficient. Men were asking themselves, What shall we do next? Friends of the cause said this building must go up, but how? The way opened; for the Woman's Board proposed to undertake the work of raising \$1,000 before May 30. The friends at Harper's Ferry said, if you will assure us of this sum by that time, the corner-stone shall be laid in the name of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society. And on Memorial Day, while loving friends and comrades were paying their yearly tribute to the memory of our brave soldiers, the corner stone of a building was laid which will be the home of some of the race they died to save from physical bondage. What more fitting tribute to their memory? On that day there was in the treasury, in the form of cash and reliable pledges, \$1,007.89; and at Harper's Ferry, sent to the treasurer there, as a result of this special appeal, \$256.81, making in all, \$1,264.70. Since

that time friends have continued to forward money for this object to this treasury, and it is still open to receive all sums which they may wish to contribute for it through this channel, and no doubt will be until the hall is entirely completed.

To-day, not only are the women in the Shenandoah Valley encouraged by seeing the walls of Myrtle Hall go up, but we are inspired to assume other work with a surer prospect of success. For we are confident that the women of this denomination only need to have a worthy cause presented to them in order to have their sympathies enlisted and their earnest support secured. At present they are being tested in the effort to raise funds for the foreign mission field. New recruits are needed in India, and the missionaries must be better equipped for their work. Already Rhode Island has come nobly to the front, and has become responsible for the support of a new missionary, including outfit and passage. But while our faith in the disposition of this denomination to do for others has been increased the past year, a deeper and richer experience has been gained, and one which we are assured is the inner work in more than one woman's soul. It is the conviction that God's hand is guiding us, that the work is His, the resources are His, and if only obedient to Him, we need not fear for the results.

Those mission enterprises which are called "faith works" have an active as well as a passive side. Those engaged in them do with their might the work God lays before them. At the same time, they trust Him for the means to carry it on, limiting their expenditures to His expressed wish in the giving. The most successful organizations are those that have both these elements in a very marked degree. Such an one, no doubt, we all aim to secure, and such we can have, if we as individuals submit our wills to the divine will. We shall not all work in the same way, but the same Spirit will pervade all. Indeed, every variety of temperament is needed; and it matters less what ours may be than that we do our part well, as unto God and not to man; do it because it is the duty of the hour, and our Guide is leading us on.

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THE WORK IN THE WEST.

IT need not be told that the West is far behind the East in all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, nor is there lack of good reason for this. The East is the birthplace and home of the denomination. Here it has gathered about itself churches, schools, colleges, and here are held its annual family reunions, as well as many more frequent gatherings. But the children have not all stayed near home. A desire for wealth, a love of change and of adventure, a hope of gaining a livelihood from some friendlier soil than that of rocky New England, and other things, have led them to wander away, and scatter into almost every State of the Union. Many of them have become estranged from home, and in the steady, grinding work of providing for daily wants, in the ease and complaisance of competency, or in the eager pursuit of gold, the interests of our beloved Zion have been steadily and surely crowded out, so that many agonizing cries for help fall on deaf ears.

Again, we of the West have been so scattered that it required a far greater outlay of time and money to meet in council, and comparatively few have the requisite love for the work and determination to overcome these obstacles. Some, however, in their wanderings have found in their new homes those who have been glad to become brothers and sisters by adoption into the denominational family, and in company with them have founded and nobly maintained churches and educational institutions. All honor to those who, sometimes single-handed and alone, — yet never alone, — have labored and sacrificed to accomplish work so dear to their hearts and so needful for the salvation of their fellows.

There are two facts worthy of attention: the East does most to sustain our mission work, hence receives (because entitled to) most of the time and energies of our returned missionaries; and, conversely, our missionaries give so much more time and labor to the Eastern churches that they are stirred to greater activity and benevolence. The recent tour of Dr. Phillips

through the West was, however, cause for gratitude to the hundreds who listened to him, and doubtless many gained ideas of India and the work of our missionaries, as well as the needs of the field, which were quite new to them, and were aroused to an interest never felt before. But in comparatively few cases will the memory of a single lecture be sufficient to keep alive a steady interest in a far-off field.

To the pastors of the churches, primarily, we must look as leaders in this work. We beg those pastors who may read these pages, in the name of our Master whom you profess to hold up to your people, to teach them to think of the needy, and may you lead them, as was well said recently, to feel, pray, and give for them. We heard recently of two persons who, wishing to give to the Bible school, took their contributions to a neighboring minister because after repeated efforts they had utterly failed to get their own pastor to take up even a collection for that purpose. Would that every pastor who neglects his work might be so rebuked. And this was not in the West, but in New England.

How many of our churches in the West do absolutely nothing for any cause outside their own organization! Too often the children in the Sabbath schools are taught in the same selfish way, by presenting to them as the motive for giving their mites the fact that they shall be returned to them with interest in books and papers! How can they look for the blessing of Him whose sole mission upon earth was to labor for others, and they His enemies? As women we have abundant cause for gratitude that God has crowned with peculiar success the efforts of women in mission work. Especially has this been true of "woman's work for woman." Of this we have fresh evidence in every number of the Helper, and we should be inspired by renewed zeal to increase our efforts for our less favored sisters in the South, and in benighted India.

This paper should contain reports of work accomplished. Several of the District Secretaries have made no response to repeated communications. My sisters, is it a lack of love for the cause that keeps your lips silent, and your hands busy with other work to the neglect of this? I pray you, think of it, and with a consecrated will, ask the Lord, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" A Secretary from one of the States writes of her discouragements, but in a tone which assures us there is back of it a heart to work. She says she gave her report and her book to her pastor, to take to the Y. M., since she could not herself attend. Some time afterward, upon calling for them, she learned that they had not been taken at all, and the only report she received of the meeting held was a verbal one, to the effect that a sum of money had been voted to him for previous services! There was in this case, we can safely assume, no intention of wrong, but is such neglect in a Christian minister excusable? The same correspondent writes that their society has for treasurer one who refuses to receive moneys given for foreign work! Comment on this is unnecessary. Another writes that she has no sympathy with this plan of taking money from our feeble churches, and sending it to New England, or India! Remember the words of The Book: "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

We give these dark pictures, lest those having similar experiences should be discouraged by hearing only of success. But the work in the West does not present dark pictures only. In every State where pastors or district secretaries or both have come heartily to the work, there has been a steadily increasing interest. In many places the HELPER is patronized. Children's bands have been formed in various places. Some churches have worked nobly towards raising the twenty cents per member for the liquidation of the debt, and a few took the special collection of Sept. 1, for that purpose. Of all the Western States, however, to Ohio belongs the highest honor, for her noble stand in the cause of missions. Within a few weeks she has voted to raise the outfit, passage, and regularly thereafter, the salary of a missionary, who is to be sent out in September of '79, and who until that time is to be employed at their expense to visit among the churches of the State, to instruct and interest the people in the work they have so nobly undertaken. Honor to Ohio! Shall not the close of another year find more than one State or section in the denomination ready to follow her bright example?

HATTIE P. PHILLIPS,

Secretary for the West.

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| Total disbursements | | \$3,671 | 50 |
| Amount on hand Sept. 30, 1878 | | 1,924 | 54 |
| Total accounted for as above | | \$5,596 | 04 |

Of this sum \$668.71 is subject to the order of the Treasurer of Storer College, being the amount now in treasury which has been appropriated to the Girls' Hall by request of the donors.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, Auditor.

| Amount received from the different States, as follow | s:- | | |
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| Maine | \$862 | OI | |
| Rhode Island | 746 | 95. | |
| New Hampshire | 659 | 32 | |
| Massachusetts | 223 | 53 | |
| Ohio | 192 | 43 | |
| New York | 171 | 14 | |
| Vermont | 162 | 25 | |
| West Virginia | 154 | 46 | |
| General conference collections | 76 | 27 | |
| Nova Scotia | 50 | 75 | |
| Minnesota | | 40 | |
| Illinois | 33 | 65 | |
| Wisconsin | 33 | | |
| Michigan | 27 | 39 | |
| Missouri | 25 | 00 | |
| Kansas | 12 | 00 | |
| India | 10 | 00 | |
| Iowa | 5 | 05 | |
| Nebraska | 2 | 50 | |
| New Jersey | 2 | 04 | |
| Children's list | 6 | 16 | |
| Sundries | 72 | 35 | |

Total.....\$3,563 68

MINUTES.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1878.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its sixth annual meeting in the vestry of the church at Lyndon, Vt., Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1878, at 6.30 P. M., Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. D. F. Smith. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss S. A. Perkins was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. G. W. Rich, Mrs. F. E. Wiley, Mrs. Porter, Mrs.

Waterman, Miss Hattie Phillips, were appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Hills gave notice of the following amendment by substitution to Art. 11 of the Constitution, to be considered at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the action of this Board in the appointment of missionaries to India, and their remuneration; also its designation of their specific fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the F. B. F. M. Board.

Voted, That a committee of five—three of whom should be the original framers of the Constitution—be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine critically the Constitution and By-Laws of the different denominational Woman's Missionary Societies, also their requirements of their missionaries, the instructions they give them, and the definite relations each society sustains to its denominational Board; and at our next annual meeting report whether in their opinion any of these items in our own organization can be improved so as to increase our efficiency.

The following committee was appointed: Mrs. M. M. H. Hills, Mrs. B. F. Hayes, Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. J. B. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Brewster. Mrs. G. F. Mosher, Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, and Mrs. E. W. Porter were requested to present a resolution on the death of Mrs. Susan Thompson,

the first missionary of the society.

Adjourned to meet for anniversary exercises in the church at 8 P. M.

Anniversary, 1878.

Oct. 2, 1878, at 8 P. M. Met according to notice given in the *Morning Star*, for anniversary exercises. Mrs. B. F. Hayes presided. After singing the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," prayer was offered by Dr. J. L. Phillips.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, in her absence, was read by Miss Ida H. Fullonton, and accepted. The report of the Home Secretary was read by

Miss DeMeritte, and accepted.

Addresses were made by Mrs. D. F Smith, returned missionary of the F. B. F. M. Society, drawing practical lessons from the valuable labors of Dr. Duff, and by Mrs. G. C. Waterman, relative to the work already accomplished at Harper's Ferry, and the present urgent needs. At the close of the latter address pledges were taken, which with subsequent additions, amounted to \$90.00. Miss Phillips, our missionary elect, made a brief address. The collection taken for assisting in the work of the Society amounted to \$25.34.

Singing by the church choir. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Sinclair. Adjourned to meet Thursday, at 9 A. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Met according to adjournment, Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. D. Stewart in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. E. W. Porter.

Report of committee to nominate officers read and adopted.

For list of officers for the ensuing year, see supplement, page 2.

The following resolution on the death of Mrs. Thompson was presented and adopted by a rising vote : -

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death our friend and sister Mrs. Susan L. Thompson, therefore

Resolved, That remembering her tenderly as our first missionary, we express our deep sorrow at her early death, and offer to her afflicted husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the husband and mother of Mrs. Thompson, and also that the same be published in the MISSIONARY HELPER.

Voted, That the annual report made at this session be inserted in the November number of the MISSIONARY HELPER, that three hundred additional copies be printed for distribution, and that the Treasurer be instructed to defray the necessary expenses.

Adjourned to the call of the Corresponding Secretary.

S. A. PERKINS, Recording Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. - This oganization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

ART. 2.—Its object is to give the Christian religion and education to women destitute of Gospel light, by sending out and supporting female missionaries and teachers in fields occupied by Free Baptist missions, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies in all our churches.

ART 3. — The payment of \$1 per year shall constitute membership; \$20° life membership; and the payment of \$100 within the term of four years, shall constitute a lady an honorary manager for life.

ART. 4. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Home Secretary, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence, and a Board of Managers, consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ART. 5. - The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording

Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6. — The Home Secretary shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 7. - The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective Yearly Meetings, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary.

ART. 8. — The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers when she deems it necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ART. 9.—The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bonds with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one third the amount given by the Treasurer of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

ART. 10. — The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare, and publish for circulation, such items of news as it shall judge best calculated to promote the object of the Society.

ART. II.— The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. So far as relates to Foreign Mission work, this Board shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and so far as relates to Home Mission work, it shall act in conjunction with the Free Baptist Home Mission Society.

ART. 12. — This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October, due notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 13.—This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, notice of which shall be previously given.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ART. I.—The Society shall be called the Woman's Mission Society of
Church, and shall be auxiliary to the Free Baptist Woman's Board
of Missions.

ART. 2. — The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen annually.

ART. 3. — Its object shall be the raising of money for missions, and the diffusion of missionary intelligence in the community.

ART. 4. — The payment of two cents per week, or one dollar annually, shall constitute any lady a member of the Society.

ART. 5. — The money raised shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions.

N. B. — Each auxiliary can make its own By-Laws for regulating and conducting its meetings.

LIFE MEMBERS ADDED SINCE LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

- Miss A. N. Brayton. Georgiaville, R. I.
- " R. E. Brockett. Bristolville, O. Mrs. H. S. Brooker. Haverhill, Mass.
- " M. A. Davis....Pittsfield, Me.
- Miss L. A. DeMeritte. Dover, N. H.
 - " M. C. Emery...Burnham, Me.
- Mrs. Lavinia Fox.... Ashford, N. Y.
 - " M. B. Hebbard. Charleston, Me.
 - " Emily D. Jordan. Portland, Me.

Mrs. J. Malvern.... Haverhill, Mass.

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- " E. B. Moulton. S. Berwick, Me.
- " W. A. Nealey. W. Topsham, Vt.
- Miss Edith R. Porter. . Lowell, Mass.
- " H. P. Phillips. Dantoon, India. Mrs. I. D. Stewart. Dover, N. H.
 - " M. W. L. Smith, " "
 - " P. R. Wright, East Otisfield, Me.

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DEAR SISTERS:

Another year has flown swiftly by, and we meet again to-day in our fourth annual session. As we review the past three years' work, although more might have been accomplished, we have much to encourage us. Truly the Lord has been on our side. Only three years' work by the timid sisters of our churches, yet what an amount of missionary interest has been awakened! Besides, we have gathered for our beloved work over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). If this should be the means by which even one of our benighted sisters should be saved, are we not amply rewarded for any effort we may have put forth? Is not the salvation of one poor soul invaluable? and surely we can hope that our society may accomplish that much. Think of this, and let it stimulate us to renewed exertion.

At your last annual session you confirmed the previous action of the Board of Managers in accepting Miss Seeley as your missionary, and it was hoped she would be able to return with Dr. Phillips and wife to India. But much as we may regret it, God in his wise providence has ordered otherwise. Miss Seeley's health has so failed during the past year that she has been compelled to resign her prospective work. She feels deeply the disappointment of not being able to work in India for the Master. May we all sustain her by our Christian sympathy and prayers.

God has given us another noble Christian woman. I refer to Miss Jessie B. Hooper, who was accepted by the Board of Managers after the resignation of Miss Seeley, and to-day is on her way to benighted India. Sisters, now that God has given us a missionary, should we not double our diligence in this work? Dear Sister Hooper has sacrificed the society of her loved ones, her home, and her native land; gone to encounter the trials of a strange land, an uncivilized people, and an unknown language. Shall we then be meagre of our prayers and our substance? I hear an emphatic No! from each sister's heart. Let me urge upon you, then, the necessity of daily asking God to care for and help our sister, and to give and seek to influence others to give as the Lord hath prospered.

"If you cannot give your thousands, You can give the widow's mite, And the least you do for Jesus Will be precious in his sight."

Praying that the Lord may bless each one of you, together with our beloved missionaries, I am, fraternally yours,

MRS. H. L. WEYMAN, Cor. Secretary.

HAMPSTEAD, QUEEN'S Co., Oct. 7, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE Treasurer of the New Brunswick F. C. Woman's Aid Foreign Mission Society reports, that after expending the sum of \$605.38 in providing outfits, passage, etc., for their missionary, Miss Jessie Hooper, to India, they have on hand the sum of \$459.14; and would further state she is confident that the women of New Brunswick, in connection with the Free Christian Baptist churches, have undertaken this work with a determination that the necessary funds shall be always forthcoming.

MRS. WILLIAM PETERS, Treasurer.

WE made an effort to secure the report of the Nova Scotia Society, but failed for want of time. — ED.





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"Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. 10, 8.

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